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Alameda Voters OK Labor-Backed Improvement Plan

REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

WHY READ?

Sometimes those of us who practice the elderly art of putting words together and having them printed for distribution feel that we are very old-fashioned, followers of a doomed craft. So much emphasis is placed on the alleged superiority of TV and radio, or "audio-visual communication" as it is called in six-bit circles, that the practitioners of the arts of writing and printing are browbeaten into a feeling of insignificance.

So we down-trodden writers and printers feel a momentary thrill of hope—perhaps the illusory dream of the past returning which the dying are said to experience—when we learn that Mayor Wagner of New York City has recently sponsored a report on "reading retardation as a contributing factor in juvenile delinquency."

The report actually was prepared by Deputy Mayor Henry Epstein. It declared that the youngster who can't read reasonably well for his age begins to feel out of things, pushed to one side by the more normal students, and so becomes easy prey for those who would lure him into the byways and dark alleys where illegitimate excitement is to be found.

Epstein declared that "in June, 1954, 20,000 New York City

GET COPY IN EARLY FOR NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE!

Next week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal will be produced in a four-day week, due to the Memorial Day holiday Monday.

Union and auxiliary contributors to East Bay Labor Journal should accordingly get their material in earlier than usual.

children, from the fourth to the sixth grade alone, showed a reading retardation of two years or more."

The New York City Board of Education has accordingly decided that the public school system will return to the old rule of not promoting a kid who is retarded in reading to a higher class at the end of the school year. Promote him, says the board, and pretty soon he falls even farther behind in his class-work.

KILPATRICK'S PROPOSAL

Bill Kilpatrick, secretary-treasurer of San Francisco Cooks 44, editor of that local's Voice of the Cooks, and a very good friend of the present writer, published an editorial recently urging that the AFL in San Francisco use TV to spread its message, not relying entirely upon the struggling little papers of the labor movement.

Brother Kilpatrick is right. Labor should use the new means of communication to reach persons otherwise simply not reached with the labor gospel.

Reading, however, we timidly make bold to suggest, now that Mayor Wagner of New York backs us up and tells us to buck up, is still very important. So in addition to the use of TV we also need to improve our labor papers. Those who read and digest what they read will, we suspect, be more solidly "sold" on labor than those who merely hear the flying word and see the fitting scene.

WHY CAN'T WE?

If the Commies can run a daily paper in San Francisco and give the careful coverage to events in Sacramento, that it gives, even an old labor hand must wonder at times why labor can't wake up and do as well.

Maintenance Union

DETROIT (AFL News)—The triennial convention of the AFL Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees will convene here June 20, President T. C. Carroll announced.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546
SHEET METAL 216
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SIGNING THE DOTTED LINE—E. H. Vernon, senior business representative of Auto Machinists 1546 and an officer of the East Bay Automotive Council, is shown preparing to sign a new 5-year master agreement with the East Bay Motor Car Dealers Association. The union council is composed of Auto Machinists 1546, Teamster Automotive Employees 78 and Auto & Ship Painters 1176, while the employers' association represents more than 50 new car dealers in the Oakland area. Shown above, seated next to Vernon is Tom Ray, Pontiac dealer. Onlookers (standing left to right) include Ed Slusser, secretary of the Motor Car Dealers; Les Moore, Local 1176 business representative; William F. York, Local 78 secretary-treasurer; and Marcus Hardin, attorney for the car dealers.

Auto Workers Win Pay Raise, Fringes In Dealers Pact

About 3,000 AFL mechanics, painters and other shop workers employed by new car dealers in the Oakland area are now approximately 22-cents an hour richer in wages and fringe benefits as a result of a new 5-year master agreement reached by representatives of the East Bay Automotive Council and the East Bay Motor Car Dealers Association.

The agreement, which is subject to wage, welfare and overtime revisions annually, provides for a 6 1/2-cent across-the-board pay raise effective as of May 11, an improved vacation clause, jury pay, holidays, time off for voting at presidential elections, and an improved health and welfare plan.

The health and welfare plan, formerly administered solely by the employers, will be jointly administered as of June 1. New provisions of the plan covers and insures dependents and provides for benefits for aged members of the unions involved.

Unions composing the Automotive Council include Auto Machinists 1546, Teamsters Automotive Employees 78 and Auto & Ship Painters 1176. The employers' association represents more than 50 new car dealers in this area.

E. H. Vernon, Local 1546 senior business representative, reported that the new vacation clause will entitle employees to one week vacations with pay after one year with the same firm, 2-weeks after 2-years and 3-weeks after 15 years.

Holly Meat Office Organizing Drive

The Butchers and Teamsters are cooperating with Office Employees 29 in efforts to organize the Holly Meat Company, Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary W. P. Fee reported Monday. He said that Harold Stearn, organizing for Local 29, has been getting assistance from S. E. Thornton, secretary-treasurer, Butchers 120, and Frank DeMartini, secretary-treasurer, Teamsters 70.

Thornton before becoming an official of Butchers 120, had worked for the Holly Company for 7 years, but Fee remarked with a smile that "I don't know whether he's as popular with the company now that he's helping the Office Employees get organized as he was during the years he worked there."

About 100 butchers are employed by the company.

County Relief Rolls Continue to Decline

There has been a steady drop in the number of persons on general relief in Alameda county for some time now.

For example, on May 17 the report of County Welfare Director S. H. Thompson shows that there were 5,747 on relief as compared with 6,050 on April 19, and 5,936 on May 18 of last year.

NO MEETING CLC MONDAY; STATE DIRECTOR WEBB TO BE GUEST ON JUNE 6th

There will be no meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday, May 30, owing to the Memorial Day holiday.

The next meeting will accordingly be on Monday, June 6, and on that date Ernest B. Webb, the new State Director of Industrial Relations, will be present as invited guest of the council, Secretary Robert S. Ash announces.

BTC Acts to Solve Vexing Problem of 'Jerry-Building'

A 5-man committee from the Building Trades Council was appointed this week to meet shortly with a like committee from the Associated Home Builders for the purpose of working out a mutual solution to the problem of "jerry-built" homes in this area.

The appointment of the BTC committee was made at the request of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors following a labor-management meeting in the Supervisors' chambers Tuesday afternoon.

The meeting with the Supervisors was the outgrowth of a sharp letter of complaint lodged with the Board on May 3 by BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers.

In his letter, Childers described as "contrary to the public interest" a recent decision by the County Building Inspection Department permitting 24 inch spacing of ceiling joists and interior partitions on new homes being constructed on a tract in San Lorenzo.

Childers contended that the change to 24 inch spacing was a serious weakening of structural wall and ceiling strength when compared with the 16 inch spacing formerly used.

In conclusion, Childers urged the Board to order a halt to the new "flimsy" construction methods until the County Building Code could be amended to outlaw this practice.

The council committee, appointed by President J. S. Miller, include Childers, Vice President Joe Pruss, Charles Roe, Hughie Rutledge, Painters 127; and Abel Silva, Hod Carriers 166.

NEW CARPENTERS

The latest Carpenter local to be approved for reaffiliation with the council this week was Alameda Local 194. Seated as delegates from this local were L. S. Holmes, Georg Klehs and J. W. Nixon.

Also seated as a delegate from Pile Drivers 34 was E. L. McBride.

PAINTERS PACT

BTC Secretary John Davy was authorized to notify the University of California, the Oakland Board of Education and other local governmental institutions of the latest changes in the Bay Area Painters Agreement.

The most important change in the 7-county agreement is a 22-cent an hour raise. The increase raises the basic scale of (Continued on Page 2)

Austin Reelected By Typos Here; In S. F. Baker Beaten

Recent elections in Oakland Typographical Union 36 and in San Francisco Typographical Union 21 had opposite results, so far as the office of secretary and president is concerned.

In Oakland, R. H. Harris and John W. Austin were reelected president and secretary respectively.

In San Francisco, President Claude Baker, former president of the International Typographical Union, lost out to Joe Baird. Complete returns on all contests in Oakland Typographical Union 36 were as follows:

Second Vice President — Paul Katz, elected with 311 votes; W. W. Ubsdell 195.

Secretary-Treasurer — John W. Austin elected with 333 votes; Eugene P. Meyers 191.

Trustee — F. N. Hoberg elected with 314 votes; James Williams 181.

Auditing Committee — Three elected: Raymond Leland 390, Clovis Gouley 366, Virginia Thompson 346. Bert Lependorf polled 259 votes.

Reading Clerk — Arthur H. Triggs elected with 345 votes; Bert Lependorf 168.

Sergeant-at-Arms — James Cripps elected with 303 votes; John Lacey 197.

Delegates to California Conference of Typographical Unions — Two elected: C. Roy Heinrichs 382, John W. Austin 334, W. W. Ubsdell 226 votes.

Executive Committee (News) — Two elected: C. Roy Heinrichs 313, Averyl O. Reed 191. Votes polled by three others: Kenneth Ward 169, O. B. Robertson 158, O. J. Magill 140.

Welfare Fund Trustee (2-year term) — Harry Gray was elected with 270 votes; Bryce R. Dye 248.

Welfare Fund Trustee (6-year term) — Bart J. Coffin was elected with 268 votes; Herbert Roth 246.

International Typographical Union Delegates — Two were elected: Bart J. Coffin 282, Herbert Roth 268. Votes polled by two others: T. K. Steed 239, John Lohr 195.

Alternate International Typographical Union Delegates — Two elected: Clovis Gouley 211, Raymond Leland 218. Votes polled by three others: Kenneth Ward 204, Virginia Thompson 184, Fred Chilson 140.

Milk Union Dinner For Geiger June 2

Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302 this week were completing preparations for the dinner to be given at 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 2 with Dr. J. C. Geiger, Oakland Chief Health Officer, as honored guest.

The dinner will be at Mitch's restaurant, 529 - 17th Street, Oakland. Jeffery Conahan, secretary-treasurer of Local 302, said the chief administrative officers of Oakland and Berkeley, City Manager Wayne Thompson and City Manager John Phillips, respectively, are invited guests.

Lockouts Increase Number of Local Teams on Strike

Some 150 members of Teamsters 70 were striking this week against big trucking companies, and an undetermined number of other members of the big Local 70 were being affected by the lockout, it was stated at the office of Secretary Frank DeMartini.

The strike was called Thursday of last week by the Western Conference of Teamsters, aimed specifically at three big companies, Consolidated Freightways, Pacific Intermountain Express, and Pacific Motor Transport. It affected operations of these big concerns in all 11 Western States.

Altogether about 80,000 drivers in the Western States could be drawn in, 50,000 of them in California, with about 20,000 in the Bay Area and Northern California.

Government cargoes rated essential were being moved, and some independent operators were continuing to roll their trucks, ignoring the effort to establish a general lockout.

One occurrence that caused some smiles or lifted eyebrows was the sending of a telegram to the big Draymen's Local 85 of San Francisco by Charles (Chili) Duarte, president, and Dick Lynden, secretary, of Warehouse Local 6, affiliated with the Longshoremen & Warehousemen headed by Harry Bridges. There has been much conflict between the AFL Teamsters and Bridges' men.

The strike was called, said Teamster spokesmen, after prolonged negotiations in which the employers slowly upped their wage offers, but attached such working conditions to them that they were unacceptable.

IAM Sponsors Game To Provide Guide Dogs for Blind

All East Bay local lodges of the International Association of Machinists have joined in sponsoring a benefit baseball game to provide guide dogs for the blind. The game, a regularly scheduled Coast League affair between the Oakland Oaks and the San Diego Padres, will be played at the Emeryville ballpark on Tuesday evening, June 14.

The IAM has long been active as a sponsor of the International Guiding Eyes, Inc., a non-profit organization which supplies guide dogs as an outright gift to eligible sightless people. Headquarters of the organization is at 11408 Collins St., N. Hollywood, California.

Local labor people who would like to see a good professional ball game and at the same time have their admission money go to a worthy cause are urged to pick up their tickets as soon as possible. Tickets for the June 14 game are going fast, it was announced here by John Schiavenna, business representative of IAM Production Workers 1566.

IAM Lodges sponsoring the ball game include District Lodge 115, Journeymen 284, Aircraft 854, Tool & Die Makers 1176, Welders 1330, Automotive Machinists 1546, Production Workers 1518 and 1566, Machinists 824 of Richmond, and Machinists 1173 of Martinez.

Game tickets may be purchased at the following union offices: District 115—577 - 14th St., Oakland (Room 411); Local 1546—2315 Valdez St., Oakland; Local 824—255 - 16th St., Richmond; and Local 854—Oakland Airport (Room 21).

Culinary Union Elects Convention Delegates

Members of Culinary Workers 31 voted at a special election on May 31 to send 3 business representatives and the union's job dispatcher as delegates to the forthcoming conventions of the State Culinary Alliance and the State Federation of Labor to be held in San Diego in mid-August.

Elected as delegates were Fran Kaczmarek, Helen Corliss and Alex Sulek, business representatives; and Jody Kerrigan, job dispatcher.

KEY SYSTEM FARES for transit trains and buses will rise to 60 cents for one-way train ride, 55 cents for one-way bus ride, if Key's petition this week to the State Public Utilities Commission is granted.

John F. Quinn Gets an Ovation On Return From the Campaign

President John F. Quinn of the Central Labor Council received an enthusiastic ovation Monday when he walked in and took the chair as presiding officer of that body.

Quinn had been absent from several meetings during his campaign for election to the Oakland City Council. He made it through the primary in April, but in the May runoff was defeated by the incumbent, Howard Rilea.

"It is nice to be back and to receive such applause as I did when I took the chair again," Quinn told the delegates later.

"I won't deny that I've had a few little setbacks and heartaches lately, so it was very nice to have such a fine demonstration of your friendship when I came into this room."

"Although I lost, it was a clean campaign I carried on, and I do feel that I upheld our banner proudly."

"It was astonishing how many people there were giving wonderful help in my campaign, and who, I felt, were not working for Quinn but for a cause in which they deeply believed."

Later Sam Blanford, Machinists 284, called special attention to the devoted work done at the Quinn headquarters during the campaign by three women. He moved, and the motion carried unanimously, that Secretary Robert S. Ash be authorized to send a special letter of appreciation to these three women. Their names are: Mary De Barnabo

Margaret Lyons
Florence Sheeran

President Quinn said that he was very glad the council had adopted such a motion, as the devotion of these three women to the cause of labor in this campaign had been outstanding. CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash commented on the difficulty of getting any kind of effective reply in the latter days of the campaign to the misstatements which appeared in the Oakland Tribune. He said that for a time there was thought of getting out a leaflet for distribution at every home in Oakland to answer some of the misstatements but that it was finally decided not to do this.

"Whether this was a mistake or not I don't know," said Ash, "and probably nobody else does."

He added that the difficulties labor faces in opposing any candidate put up by the Tribune in a one-paper town are very great.

Quinn mentioned the tremendous amount of work that was done by James (Red) Murphy in the campaign, and said that it was too bad that Murphy very shortly after returns were in, broke his ankle, and was now laid up in Peralta Hospital where, said Quinn, he was sure Murphy would be glad to hear from his friends. (Telephone GL 1-4900).

"I'm awfully sorry Jimmy broke his ankle," said Quinn, "but he was so important in the campaign that if it had to happen to him, I'm glad it came after the thing was all over!"

46 Demos, 8 GOP Senators Vote to Quash Postal Pay Veto, But Lose Out

Forty-six Democrats and 8 Republicans voted Tuesday in the Senate to override President Eisenhower's veto of the postal pay increase bill, but failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority. The roll call vote was 54 to 30—8 short of the number needed.

Immediately after the override effort failed, the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee approved a measure carrying average raises of about 8% which it was assumed would get the Presidents approval.

Senator Thomas H. Kuchel was one of the 8 Republicans voting to override.

A night letter was sent to Senator Thomas H. Kuchel by the Central Labor Council Monday evening, urging Kuchel to vote to override President Eisenhower's veto of the postal pay increase bill.

No wire was sent to Senator Knowland, as the delegate who made the motion that such a wire be sent to Kuchel by CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash commented that "there's no use wasting \$1.43 sending a night letter to Knowland."

A. B. McClintock of the Letter Carriers stated that Kuchel has consistently voted for the postal pay increase as the postal workers want it.

This is the second time Eisenhower has vetoed an increase for postal workers and other Federal employees. The first time was in August of 1953 when a proposed 5% increase was turned down by the President. The present bill calls for a little over 8% increase.

The 500,000 postal workers and the 1,000,000 other Federal employees have had no wage adjustment since 1951.

Senator Olin D. Johnson, Democrat, South Carolina, author of the bill vetoed last week, at once issued a statement as chairman of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee. He said:

No Quickie Strike On the Key System

This week when passengers boarded Key buses, they would ask the driver:

"Are you going to strike Thursday?"

Vern Stambaugh, Carmen 192, commenting on this, told the Central Labor Council that there was no basis for the widespread rumor.

"We are still in negotiations," he said, "not making much progress, but still at it. You may rest assured that if we decide it's necessary to strike, you'll get ample warning. We'll let the public know in advance."

\$75,000,000 Tide Land Subdivision Project Approved

City of Alameda voters on Tuesday by 6936 to 5360 defeated efforts to block a \$75,000,000 residential development of tidelands.

The Building Trades Council and Central Labor Council had endorsed the big development, planned by the Utah Construction Company, and contributed to its victory at the polls by vigorous campaigning.

C. R. Bartolini, member of Carpenters 36, and secretary of the Bay Area Council of Carpenters, headed a committee of labor people residing in Alameda which worked energetically for the winning of the issue.

The Alameda City Council had by a 4 to 1 vote approved the company's project, and granted the company the right to dredge sand from city-owned tidelands to fill 350 acres of tidelands owned by the company along Alameda's south shore.

Some property owners protested that the project would obstruct their marine view, and argued also that the city's sand could be sold for more for cash. They petitioned for a referendum vote, and it was this vote which was carried out Tuesday.

The contention of those favoring the project was that a handful of well to do property owners should not be allowed to block the development of the city. "Give Alameda room to grow!" proved an effective slogan.

Ink Makers Refuse That Zero Percent

Ink & Roller Makers Local 5 was notified by the employers in recent negotiations that the percentage of pay increase under the new contract would be: Zero percent.

"But after the union held a meeting and cast a 91% vote to strike if necessary, the employers called up our secretary, Fred Brooks," and asked for another chance to discuss the matter," said Eddie Kendall, reporting to the Central Labor Council.

The union, said Kendall, had gone to the trouble to look up contracts of many other locals and had shown that in some places men doing comparable work were getting 37 cents more than members of Local 5, but the employers brushed this aside as if it were a joke.

"But after the strike vote they didn't see the joke so well," said Kendall.

IAM Wins Raise at Marchant, Friden

Some 3,000 AFL Machinists employed at 2 local calculating machine companies have voted acceptance of a separate but identical 15-months agreement providing for wage increases of from 3 1/2-cents to 5-cents per hour. The wage boost is retroactive to May 1.

Parties to the new agreements include the Friden Calculating Machine Company, Marchant Calculators, Inc., Journeymen 284, Tool & Die Makers 1176, Welders 1330 and Production Workers 1518 and 1566.

Negotiators for the unions were M. E. Thompson, senior business representative of District Lodge 115; John J. Kollmeyer of 284; John Schiavenna of 1566; Mike L. Manfredo of 1518; Pete Taylor of 1330, and Charles Dotson and Larry Hoffman of 1176.

Labor to Discuss Congress Campaign

Senatorial and Congressional campaign plans for 1956 will head up the agenda at a national AFL western states political conference set for Phoenix, Arizona, June 29, it is announced by James L. McDewitt, national director of Labor's League for Political Education.

McDewitt said the conference was open to all state federation officers, central labor union officers, local union representatives, and international officers. Invitations have already been issued from national LLPE headquarters.

The regional conference will be held in the Laborers' Auditorium, Wednesday, June 29, starting at 9:30 a.m. Conference headquarters will be in the Hotel Adams in downtown Phoenix.

What Would Waitresses And Cleaners Think of This? Asks W. J. Foley

William J. Foley, Insurance Agents 219, sends East Bay Labor Journal from Washington, D. C., a clipping which, as he says, is self-explanatory: "No collective bargaining! What would the waitresses and cleaners think of a situation like this?" Here's the clipping:

Weekly pay raises ranging from 30 cents to \$7 for women working in hotels and restaurants were proposed yesterday by a wage conference set up last January by the District Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board.

Conference members representing employers dissented. The recommendations will be aired at a Board public hearing in about a month. Afterwards, Board decisions on the salary scales will have the effect of law.

Waitresses now guaranteed \$22.50 a week would have a minimum wage of \$22.80, under the proposal.

Cleaners paid \$26 weekly and women employees other than waitresses, who meet the public, now paid \$30 weekly, would be combined into one pay group earning \$33 minimums. These salaries would be paid for 48-hour weeks.

Martin Atlas, attorney representing employers, said the industry objected to lumping all women employees other than waitresses into one salary scale. Minimums should be set on cost-of-living standards which are different, for example, for cleaning women and cashiers, he pointed out.

Employers also protested the spread of working hours from 41 to 48 a week. Employees may take time off down to 41 hours and still earn \$30, according to Atlas.

Pitts Wins Approval For Farm Labor Policy

National support for AFL policies on imported farm labor was voted unanimously at the 21st Conference on State Labor Legislation held in Washington, D. C.

Some 200 state labor officials and representatives endorsed a resolution presented by Thomas L. Pitts, president of the California State Federation of Labor, setting up minimum safeguards for both U. S. and foreign workers in connection with the importation of Mexican agricultural labor.

Hayward Voters League Plumps for Bond Issue

The Southern Alameda County Voters League, AFL, has voted to endorse the Hayward Area Recreation Districts bond issue which will come up for a vote in Hayward on Tuesday, June 7. In addition, the League, which met on May 17, voted to take an active part in the bond promotion campaign by appointing a publicity committee composed of LeRoy Barstow, Manuel Castro, Andre LaRoche, Louis Solari, Robert Taylor and Roy Woods.

Labor Temple Women Install New Officers

By OPAL LAWRENCE
Press Correspondent

Members of the Labor Temple Auxiliary and their husbands met Saturday evening, May 14, 1955 at Milani's restaurant for a delicious chicken dinner after which the installation of newly elected officers took place.

The installation and anniversary dinner was a complete success. Installing officer Aline Haake, Mistress of Ceremonies Estelle Kerins, and Bess Hunt, installing secretary, deserve praise for a job well done.

Tillie Bartmess, our new president, looked very lovely and we are sure that she will have a wonderful year. Best of luck to you, Tillie.

Table decorations for the annual event consisted of red roses. The officers' table was also marked with individual place cards.

All in all the evening was a complete success and everyone present had an enjoyable evening.

Looking back a few weeks, the newly elected officers wish to thank Aline Haake for the wonderful spaghetti dinner served in her home on April 16, 1955. Thanks for a wonderful dinner Aline.

By the time the presses start to roll, Dora French and Pearl Scott will be vacationing in Hawaii. We know they are having a wonderful time and will have many interesting tales upon their return. Aloha, girls.

Sister Rosalind Rodgers is still in Long's Sanitarium in Hayward. At the time of this writing she is doing fine. Keep up the good work, Rosie.

Our new president, Tillie Bartmess, will be spending this weekend in Fresno.

The next sewing will be held on June 1, 1955. This will be the last sewing group for the summer. Further information as to the resuming of these groups will appear in a later issue.

Our next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7, 1955. Let's all start the new year by attending the very first meeting and showing our newly elected that we are 100% behind them. And that's 30 for today.

Safety Campaign About Carbon Tet Stepped Up

With at least 20 California workers killed by carbon tetrachloride in the last few years, and 200 disabled by it, the State Division of Industrial Safety is stepping up its continuing educational campaign on the hazards of the solvent.

So announces Ernest B. Webb, Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations, who points out that the figures given were those reported to the Department, and that there are undoubtedly many unreported casualties from carbon tet.

Carbon tet is one of the most harmful of the common solvents, and most carbon tet injuries are caused by breathing the vapors, which can produce severe and even fatal damage to the kidneys and liver.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

THE GROCERY BILL continues to be the major headache of most workers' families. Why do prices continue to rise, or if they do go down, go down so very little?

The head of the household has asked this question for so long that he no longer expects an answer.

Not long ago, however, the Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., did some research on the subject and came up with some, but not all of the answers.

Taxes and the cost of labor were the most to blame, they claimed.

In the matter of wages, they point out the fact that it is not only the wages paid to workers directly concerned with the producing and marketing of food, but the wages of many other trades as well. Steel, used in producing and processing, as well as transportation, paper, glass and plastics used in packaging—in fact an endless number of industries are concerned.

What they do not mention is the increased number of so-called "services" the consumer pays for, whether he wants them or not, or whether they are necessary or not.

For instance, wrapped bread is doubtless more sanitary, but couldn't the housewife spare a few seconds to slice it with her own fair hands?

It is a convenience for butter to be separated into cubes, but now they tell us it will soon come in individually wrapped packets. Think how that will add to the cost!

Children, it seems, will no longer eat their breakfast cereal unless there is a bonus of toys, airplanes or other such items. Adults, too, are offered coupons and bonuses of every sort.

Surely all these superfluous gadgets add mightily to the grocery bill. And just as surely it must all seem a kind of insanity to people who live in countries where a handful of rice means the difference between life and death.

Anyway, it is something to think about as we wait in line to be checked out at the supermarket.

OAKLAND SCHOOLS need either a new bond issue or a raise in the tax rate, Superintendent Berg told the Board of Education this week.

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journeymen painters from \$2.70 to \$2.92 per hour.

SIGN PAINTERS

B. Rhodes Tooke, Sign Painter 878, reported reaching a "pattern setting" one-year agreement with the giant Foster and Kleiser Outdoor Advertising Company. The new agreement, retroactive to May 1, provides for 5 paid holidays and a 5-cent hourly raise which boosts journeymen rates to \$2.97½ per hour.

He also reported reaching a settlement with the sign painting firms in the commercial part of the sign industry.

The only major holdout against a new union contract, he added, is the Norcal Electrical Advertising Association. However, a meeting between the union and the employers' group is being arranged for today (Friday) by a conciliator, Tooke stated.

The employment picture at the present time, he said, is so good that "we can use about 30 more sign painters, but good ones only." Interested parties who are able to fill the bill are urged to call or see Brother Tooke in his office at the AFL Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St. Telephone: GLencourt 1-2474.

UNION SERVICE

Council delegates took note of a letter received from Chauffeurs 923 advising that the only union-organized ambulance service in this area is the Doctors Ambulance Service. Call LLockhaven 2-1300.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Kilpatrick of Cooks Sees Need For Weekly Labor-Backed TV-Show

"Are we going to take to the main highway (of television) or are we going to sit in on our own funeral?" is the question posed to the local labor movement by William Kilpatrick, editor of "Voice of the Cooks," a monthly publication put out by Cooks 44 of San Francisco.

In the May issue of the "Voice", Kilpatrick contends that organized labor can easily afford to carry a weekly labor television program as an important partner to the labor press. Television, he added, answers labor's long and unsuccessful search for a medium through which its views can be presented to the general public rather than to a relatively small segment of the working force now covered by labor papers.

According to Kilpatrick, a local labor-sponsored television program would cost about \$1200 per week or a total cost of \$62,400 per year on a 52 week basis. This means, he continued, that it would cost each of the 180,000 dues-paying unionists in San Francisco about 35 cents a year to pay the entire cost of a year's programs in that city.

Can labor afford it? "... it isn't a question of whether or not we can afford a television program," Kilpatrick concluded, "but can we afford not to sponsor a labor television program?"

JOHN CAMPANELLI, a member of Carmen's Division 192, passed away in Oakland on May 18. Survivors are his widow, Clara; a son, Dominic; daughters, Mrs. Josephine Williams, Mrs. Mary Plane, and Rita Campanelli; a brother and 2 sisters in Italy; and 5 grandchildren.

FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

ERSATZ, the use of substitutes, is one of the causes for the increase of juvenile delinquency, says Rabbi W. F. Rosenbaum of New York City.

One dictionary cites as an example of ersatz in full working order "an ersatz meat dish made of eggplant and oatmeal."

But the ersatz the Rabbi is talking about isn't the substitute for meat, it's the substitutes used for alert and intelligent parental care for children.

"TOO MANY PARENTS," he says, "depend on baby-sitters, teachers, and counselors" to do the things for their children which the parents should do themselves.

He believes that this negligence arises from the widely spread "philosophy of getting away from it all and a growing hunger to make everything easy."

"SUBSTITUTION OF PLEASURES for duty" is the basic ersatz in American life of today, the Rabbi thinks. "That substitution of pleasure for duty is an ever increasing danger that must be checked."

"The enormous growth of commercial entertainment as leisure increases means that parents will have to watch themselves closely if they are to avoid that 'substitution of pleasure for duty' which has such disastrous effects in the home."

EBMUD RESERVOIRS could be fished, used for recreation purposes, under bill sent this week to Assembly by Ways & Means Committee.

AFL Bills Moving To Capital Climax

Governor Knight received on his desk this week the AFL bill to boost maximum weekly unemployment insurance benefits from \$30 to \$33.

Other AFL measures improving the compensation program were moving to a climax, and the FEPC measures which had passed the Assembly were before Senate committees.

State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Haggerty wrote every State Senator urging a NO vote on the "millionaire's amendment" which calls for a constitutional convention to put a 25 percent ceiling on Federal income taxes.

Governor Knight's proposed increase in the beer tax was killed this week by the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, with Haggerty one of the witnesses testifying against it. Knight has threatened to veto the child care bill, the old age pension increase bill, and others, if his tax program is defeated.

BEA SLETTUM, secretary-treasurer of Culinary Workers 31, is off on a well-earned 2-week vacation starting this weekend. Bea is expected to be back at her desk on June 13.

Office Employees 29 Win Pay Hike, Fringes At Branded Textile

A new agreement providing for a \$10 per month wage increase plus several fringe benefits was reached here last week by representatives of Office Employees 29 and the Branded Textile Company of San Leandro.

All of the contract terms are retroactive to March 1, it was announced by Harold Stearn, Local 29 organizer and business representative. Stearn added that the fringe benefits included the setting up of a new work classification, improved holiday and severance pay clauses, and an additional week's vacation after one-year's employment. The previous contract provided for only a one-week vacation after one-year.

SECRECY IN GOVERNMENT is the most dangerous threat to our form of government that exists," says State Senate Special Committee on Governmental Administration headed by Senator George Miller, Democrat, Martinez.

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Statement of Conditions as of December 31, 1954

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:	1954	1953
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 1,342,268.86	\$ 927,954.95
U.S. Government Bonds	6,405,068.62	6,310,205.86
Other Bonds	1,329,056.37	339,796.64
Other Current Assets	360,712.46	229,444.20
Fixed Assets (Net)	671,914.98	631,523.48
Total Assets	\$10,109,021.29	\$ 8,438,925.13
LIABILITIES:		
Benefits Expense Payable	\$ 1,745,000.00	\$ 1,735,000.00
Unearned Contributions	1,284,856.07	1,020,285.18
Taxes and Accounts Payable	371,799.53	395,420.43
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,401,655.60	\$ 3,150,705.61
CONTINGENCY RESERVE	356,394.65	165,000.00
GENERAL RESERVE	6,350,971.04	5,123,219.52
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$10,109,021.29	\$ 8,438,925.13

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENT

INCOME:	1954	1953
Contributions Earned	\$19,063,975.55	\$17,693,801.41
Membership Fees	13,601.50	16,856.95
Interest and Other Income (Net)	179,957.02	127,696.50
Total Income	19,257,534.07	17,838,354.86
EXPENSE:		
Benefits Paid	16,708,756.53	14,795,115.28
Operating Expense	1,321,026.02	1,260,836.46
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Painters New Rate Effective June 1

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

We have been asked by several of the brothers if the new wage rate of \$2.92 per hour effective June 1 would apply on all painting work even though the job was started or figured prior to June 1. For the information of these and all other brothers the new wage rate applies to all painting work performed on or after June 1. There is no such thing as any concession allowance and any brother found working for less than the new wage rate is in violation of the District Council By-Laws and subject to penalties.

The business representatives of the locals in the field are checking on the brothers' working cards and are finding a few of the brothers who do not have the current working card in their possession. Again we remind the brothers to get their paid up card and avoid embarrassment.

At this time we have no unemployment and many calls in the office for men. Particularly busy are the tracts which have open orders for all the men we can furnish. This condition holds throughout the bay area, and we look for it to continue for some time. For those brothers who look forward to continuous employment next winter, we say now is the time to get spotted in a shop which has continuous employment throughout the year.

With our new agreement behind us we have time for other matters and it looks as though we may have to institute a campaign to stop our brothers from patronizing taverns, bars, liquid dining rooms and other such places of business. The representatives are continually finding these establishments being painted by either the tavern or bar owner himself or by some non-union-hanger-on looking for free refreshments. We have picketed these places, which causes great moaning and sorrow from the owners. We have requested the Tavern Owners Association to request their members to desist from this non-union activity, but results are not too satisfying, and looks like something else has to be done. Why should you spend your union hard earned dollars in a place that does not believe in hiring you if there is any painting to do? Think this over and remember you can always buy a crock of grog or a can of suds in a liquor store and there is no law against you drinking at home.

Had a call that brother Ben Sharvey is in Fairmont Hospital. Will get out to see him this week. Brother George Landgraf improving in Kaiser (Permanente) after a severe operation. Brother Patrick Veronica Alyous Doyle at home improving. Brother J. P. L. McCully came out of Providence Tuesday. Brother John Regburg out of the hospital last Friday. We had no knowledge that brother Regburg was even in the hospital until he came out. We would like to have the brothers inform us when they enter the hospital so that we may visit them and

also notify their friends through this column.

The trustees of the Health & Welfare Fund at their meeting Tuesday ordered a letter sent to all local unions, chapters, and signatories to the agreement asking that they send in any suggested changes desired by the members of the locals. If you have any ideas to better the program bring them up to the local for discussion. While we can not guarantee that the trustees will put them into effect, they certainly will be given every consideration. The present benefits of the plan will be continued until September 1 at which time new and additional benefits will be put into effect. We also wish to remind the brothers that all bills for services rendered up to the first of June 1955 must be submitted no later than August 30, 1955. More on this later.

Bright remark of the week was made by Business Representative McIntyre of the Linoleum, Soft Tile, and Carpet Layers Local, affiliated with the Brotherhood of Painters. In discussing the action of the Oakland Planning Commission in turning down applications for new construction brother Garoni asked if the Commission was in favor of erecting tombstones in Oakland. Brother McIntyre responded by saying "no, they prefer to polish up the old ones."

Next meeting of the local will be June 9, a special called meeting to nominate officers for the coming year.

Carpenters' Auxiliary Celebrates Birthday

Carpenters' Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 celebrated its 29th birthday with a dinner at Peluso's, Saturday evening, May 21st at 7 p.m.

Fourteen ladies and their husbands enjoyed the gaiety of the evening.

The tables were attractively decorated with roses, Martha Washington geraniums and greens, with the beautiful decorated cake as the centerpiece. A welcome address was given by Alta Benony, vice president. After the delicious dinner the cake was cut and served by Mrs. Benony.

Chairman of the dinner committee was Flo Bartolini, assisted by Martha Light, Alta Benony and Wilma Frazier.

Photographer for the occasion was Gunnar Benony. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Clapp; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durlinger; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Light; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Benony; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kleckner; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bartolini; Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh; Mr. and Mrs. Derwin Moss; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Haake and Miss Jackie Haake.

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Steamfitters 342 Call June 2 Meet

By JIM MARTIN

The regular membership meeting of May 19 was adjourned early out of respect to our departed Brothers, John Beauchamp, Paul Rohmer and Don Henley. The officers and members of this Local Union wish to take this opportunity to extend to the families of these Brothers their heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

For the past weeks this Local Union's Negotiating Committee has been meeting with a like committee, representing the Heating and Air Conditioning Contractors of Northern California and the Mechanical and Industrial Pipe Work Contractors, pertaining to this Union's working agreements for next year. Negotiations have been concluded, therefore, our next meeting to be held June 2 will be a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of hearing your negotiating committee's report, and also its recommendations. We urge that you make every effort to attend this meeting as the results will affect your wages, hours and working conditions in the future.

We would like to call to your attention the resolution passed recently at our meeting, which pertains to a voluntary contribution to Labor's League for Political Education. Monies collected for this League is to be used to help elect our friends and defeat our enemies. Organized labor has always been interested in politics to a certain extent, therefore, the writer would like to stress the need for voluntary contributions to help the friends of trade unionists to meet their campaign expenses. Labor's League for Political Education has been endorsed by General President Martin P. Dugkin, who says "Each union member should carry two cards—his union card and a Labor's League for Political Education card." So if you have not joined you may do so now by purchasing a card at our business office.

Again, we urge that you attend the Special Called Meeting, June 2.

Haggerty to Represent ICFTU at UN Ceremony

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, will represent both the American Federation of Labor and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions at the Tenth Anniversary session of the United Nations, to be held in San Francisco, June 20-26.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Automotive Machinists 1546

This is to notify you that the next regular meeting of June 7, 1955 is a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of acting on the Revision of Local By-Laws.

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Place: Hall M—Third Floor, Labor Temple.

Fraternally yours,

A. J. HAYES,

Recording Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216

Members of this Local are hereby advised that our business office will be closed throughout the entire Memorial Day weekend which includes Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 28, 29 and 30.

Fraternally yours,

LLOYD CHILD,

Business Representative

Hayward Painters 1178

Our next regular meeting of Friday night, June 3rd, will be followed by a Special Call to nominate officers.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT G. MILLER,

Recording Secretary

Plasterers 112

President Mel Roots has called a special meeting for Thursday, June 2, 1955 at 8 p.m. in Hall C of the AFL Labor Temple for the purpose of reconsidering the action taken at our April 21 meeting and to discuss and act on a program to authorize increased hours of work on an emergency basis when necessary to man the job.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE WHITTON,

Secretary-Treasurer

Steamfitters 342

Our next meeting to be held on Thursday, June 2, will be a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of accepting or rejecting the report of our Negotiating Committee's recommendations. This pertains to this Union's Piping Agreement.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES MARTIN,

Business Manager and Financial Secretary

Back Stage With Stage Hands

Stage Hands Planning That Big Party June 1

By WILLIAM PELKEY

The much talked about Federation party gets under way June 1 at the Oakland Auditorium. If you do not have your tickets as yet, they can be ordered by calling TW. 3-1132. There will be no tickets sold the night of the party, so please order your tickets now.

Business manager Jack Craig informs me the Globe Theater will be using a man 4 hours a week.

The annual St. Moritz Ice Show was held at Iceland in Berkeley. Working the lamps were Leonard Haentjens, Walter Wilhelms, Mel Mosher, Harry Simonson, Jack Craig, and Wm. Pelkey. Working the switchboard, Jack Abbott.

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Watchmakers Wait Court's Decision

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The John Carbone case went to court on Wednesday the 18th. President Glasser and myself spent the entire day at the trial in Redwood City.

There was no decision rendered. The judge asked for written briefs from attorneys of both sides and allowed them some 20 days to submit same.

We can say, however, that Carbone's attorney, failed to convince the court to give his client relief from the picket line between that day and the day when the decision will be rendered. This makes the third unsuccessful attempt to have the picket line removed.

We are patiently awaiting the court's decision and will inform you of the outcome.

PAID HOLIDAYS

Contrary to their past custom, for some unknown reason Grant Bros. failed to pay the members of our union employed by them for the past Christmas and New Year's holidays, both of which fell on a Saturday. We have been discussing this matter with the company for some time and have been successful in getting this pay for our members. They will receive additional pay for the two holidays, on May 24.

Printers Auxiliary 26 To Elect on June 16

By FRED A. CRIPPS

Press Correspondent

The meeting of Printers Auxiliary 26 will be held June 14 at which time we will vote for international officers and also for delegate to the Convention in August at Boston.

Our last meeting, May 5, was held at home of Irma Grimm in Concord. We had a good crowd and always enjoy Irma's home and her label reports for she is vice chairman for label work of Northern California, for Woman's International Auxiliary.

We also had reports of our two membership teams headed by Mary Stapleton and Evelyn Wolters. Help your team and win a free luncheon when contest closes in October.

Our regular press correspondent is on vacation on the east coast for two months.

Some of our members enjoyed the showing of Hawaiian films in the home of Lucy Cushing recently. Others will have the opportunity of seeing these films in the fall.

Remember next meeting June 14 at the home of Evelyn Wolters, 1751 - 159th Ave., San Leandro. Business meeting 10:30 a.m. followed by luncheon. Let your telephone committee know if you need a ride.

38th ANNUAL Junior High School Spring Music Festival will be held in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium on Thursday, May 26, at 8 p.m.

Get Theatrical Party Tickets Now

By JOE CONNELLY

Wednesday, June 1, is the day guests by attempting to buy for the 1st Annual Dinner Dance of the Alameda County Theatrical Federation, to be held in the small ballroom (3rd floor) of the Oakland Civic Auditorium.

The advance sale of tickets indicates a good turnout. No tickets will be sold at the door.

It is necessary that all tickets in the hands of the volunteer salesmen either be returned or paid for by May 31. It is imperative that the caterer know exactly how many people to supply food for. Unfortunately members of some of the unions comprising the Federation were under the impression that tickets would be sold at the door.

In order to take care of those who intend to attend, you may make a telephone reservation through Brother Jack Craig, chairman of the committee, by calling TWinoaks 3-1132 and leaving your name and the name of the union to which you belong and stating the amount of tickets you desire. This is a telephone answering service and although you may not be able to contact Brother Craig personally, you may leave a message with the operator any hour of the day or night. The absolute deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 31. If you haven't ordered your ticket by that time please do not embarrass yourself or

Telephone orders may also be placed through Theatrical Employees' Union by calling Glen-court 1-1323 up until 4 p.m. Tuesday. The business office will be closed at noon Saturday and will not reopen until 10 a.m. Tuesday due to the Memorial Day holiday, therefore your best telephone bet is Brother Craig's 24-hour answering service.

As we pointed out last week we are not attempting to pressure anyone to attend, but the penalty for non-attendance will be missing out on a good time. Brother Craig has made arrangements for a first-class caterer, a tip-top orchestra and a variety of refreshments as well as various door prizes. Another reason for putting a deadline on the ticket sale is to cooperate with the Oakland Fire Department as the space is limited. Remember this is not a one-union affair, it is the Theatrical Federation and is composed of all the affiliated crafts.

Up and down the aisle ... We omit the lighter side of the column in respect to the memory of Philip Kelly, father of Esther Kelly, mount cashier who died last Tuesday.

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OPINIONS

LEADER TRAINING IS LAUNCHED BY FREEDOM AGENDA

Editor, Labor Journal:
I am requesting on behalf of the Alameda County Committee for the Freedom Agenda a little publicity in East Bay Labor Journal, concerning leadership training classes which began May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Auditorium of the Oakland Public Library, and meet on, also, the 1st, 8th and the 15th of June at the same time and place.

The leaders trained at this training session will lead as many discussion groups as there are people interested, when the groups begin their operation in August or September of this year.

The Freedom Agenda is sponsored by the Ford Foundation and presently brought to this community under a nation-wide sponsorship by the League of Women Voters, Representatives of the Oakland Public Library, the Great Books Foundation, Council of Churches, the Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Jewish Community Center, the NAACP, the YMCA, the YWCA and many other civic groups have sent representatives to this Alameda County Committee which is working to set up this program.

The purpose of all this is to establish small discussion groups in which the people will participate, to read, discuss and review five booklets on liberty, freedom, our Constitution and Bill of Rights, to educate the people of America. All those interested in leading or learning how to lead such a discussion group or participate in it are extremely welcome. Anyone wishing further information can contact Mr. William Brett, at the Main Oakland Public Library, who is on the committee.

We would appreciate any and all publicity you can give this worthwhile project. Thank you.
C. JAY HOLLANDER

POLICE, FIREMEN

Editor, Labor Journal:
The members of the Police and Firemen Pension Association wish to thank you for your wonderful news items, and assistance in the promotion of Proposition 2, May 17th election. We are deeply grateful to each and every one who assisted in the promotion of this Charter Amendment.

Very Truly Yours,
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
Robt. P. Tracy, Chairman
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It has been necessary to place a rope around the guard walk at the Unknown Soldier's tomb to keep visiting tourists from heckling the guard. How barbarous can the American people get? — Chattanooga Labor World.

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EDITORIALS

The Tribune's Solemn Cloning

However offensive the conduct of the Knowland Tribune may be to those who believe in decent journalism, there is something about that newspaper's ponderous self-approval that is amusing to any of us who have a shred of the sense of humor left after a tough political campaign.

For example, the day after last week's election, the Tower emitted these flashes of light in an editorial:

"The election demonstrated again that the voters usually think for themselves and are not often stampeded by those who pretend ability to deliver votes of any particular group. The political bosses of labor were united... It is significant that the majority of the voters refused to be led, but wisely considered the best interests of the community."

To anyone familiar with the way the Knowland Tribune wields the spiky club of its monopoly in this one-paper town, that smug statement is more amusing than annoying. One can well afford to sit back and laugh at the folly of a monopoly paper misusing its power to such an extent, and then uttering such sanctimonious phrases.

Even more comical was the sight of the Tribune, after trying to smear the labor candidates in the primary election with the taint of Communism, turning around and in the runoff election campaign solemnly quoting as an authority, day after day, that same Communist paper! How ridiculous can the Tribune get? Brothers and sisters, we don't know, but we do know they tried hard to outdo all their past wonderful records in the Oakland municipal campaigns this year—and we await with delight the contributions to the art of political clowning they'll pull in the next campaign.

Meanwhile, don't forget that organized labor did nicely in the municipal elections this Spring. We elected Jeffery Cohelan to the City Council of Berkeley, and John Holmdahl to the City Council of Oakland. The sight of those victories it was that set the old Trib pounding out that anvil chorus of the last few days of the Oakland runoff campaign.

New Farm Labor Office's Big Task

Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio told 120 persons at a regional conference of the Catholic Council for the Spanish speaking:

"Congress seems to be afraid of powerful growers' associations whose members claim a vested interest in slave labor... Last year more than 100,000 citizens of Texas left the State to work elsewhere in American agriculture, and 35,000 alien workers were imported from Mexico to harvest Texas crops."

It is to be hoped that the new State Farm Employment office at 7th and Clay streets, created for the convenience of local farm laborers, will be successful in channeling workers to the places where they're needed. The sort of thing Archbishop Lucey describes as going on in Texas has been a feature of California life, too, and a very unpleasant one.

There have been complaints that in the past workers going out of Oakland have been badly exploited by unscrupulous farm labor contractors. It is to be hoped that Bayard C. Rucker, State Farm Placement Supervisor for Northern California, will see to it that a careful check is kept on this aspect of the matter.

A copy of the mimeographed farm labor bulletin put out weekly from the new office will prove to anyone that careful surveys of the farm labor supply and demand are being made. In the past farm workers have spent much of their time rambling around the State looking for work while in places they failed to visit farmers were needing help.

If the big farmers of the Associated Farmer type are kept from sabotaging this program, it should do much good.

Miss Entwistle's Coffee Break

Now that the coffee break is becoming an industrial and commercial custom, one enterprising outfit announces a patented scheme for the boss operating "the controlled coffee break." This is a system for sending the coffee right into the job in any office or shop, so that while the coffee drinking is going on, the boss can say, "Take a letter, Miss Entwistle!"

The photograph with the advertising material received by East Bay Labor Journal shows Miss Entwistle, just about to take a drink of coffee, looking in annoyance at the boss, as from a nearby desk he utters those thrilling words.

The ad leaflet says to the boss, "You don't have complete control unless you have" this patented system. Another good way to "have complete control" is to have all your workers, boss, live in a town that you own, a company town, we used to call 'em.

MAN LOST HIS JOB in a Government agency because someone said the man's wife was a Commie. But it turned out the guy was a bachelor! Makes one wonder about the man dropped by the Internal Revenue Bureau in the Bay Region because in 1936 he was a delegate to the Contra Costa Central Labor Council, and at that time there were some Commies in that county—so...!

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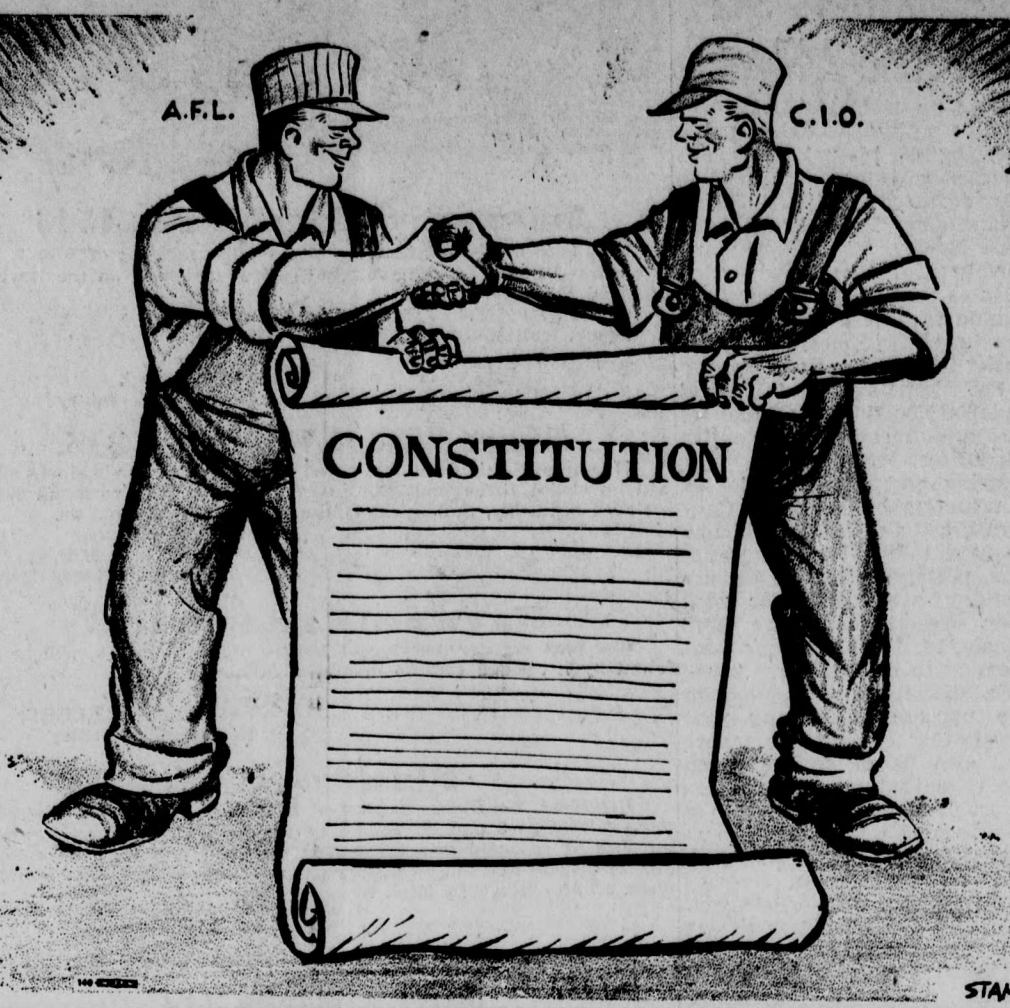
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Smith and Parrish Report Plan Cases

Following are some interesting cases reported by Attorneys Joseph E. Smith and William Shannon Parrish to the members of the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Plan:

Two children and a widowed mother were allowed death benefits following the death of Brother H. of Electrical Workers No. 595. The company had contended that the brother was intoxicated on the job and had gone to the side of the ship to relieve himself and therefore was not in the course and scope of his employment when he fell over the side and was drowned.

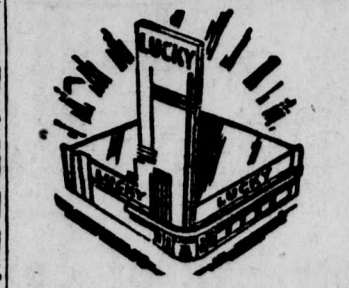
An autopsy had been performed showing some alcohol in the blood. It was our position that (1) the amount of alcohol was not sufficient to make the man intoxicated; and even if he was intoxicated the foreman should not have allowed him to work in a place of danger; (2) the fact that he fell overboard while performing a natural personal act placed him within the course and scope of his employment. The Commission supported this position and a death benefit was provided for the children and his widowed mother who was dependant upon him for support. This case has caused much comment in the shipyard industry.

Brother H. of Welders' No. 681 signed a Blue Form permanent disability rating paper and without a hearing before the Industrial Accident Commission received a rating of 1%, or \$120.00, for an ear injury with no provision for further medical care. He then contacted our office and after a hearing before the Commission received a rating of 4%, or \$480.00, plus medical treatment to his ear for the remainder of his life.

Brother R. of Boilermakers' Local No. 39, has received a permanent disability rating of 74%, to entitle him to the payment of \$8,800.00, in addition to moneys previously paid and thereafter a payment of \$25.00 a month for the remainder of his life. In view of Brother R's age, and life expectancy, a total of approximately \$10,000.00 will be paid.

DAVE RYAN, former secretary of the Bay District Council of Carpenters, has been confined in a hospital for the past few weeks following an accident in which he broke his hip.

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Congressman Miller Is Appointed to Fisheries And Wildlife Committee

Congressman George P. Miller has been appointed to the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee by Congressman Herbert Bonner, its chairman.

The Subcommittee is headed by Congressman Frank W. Boykin of Alabama. It will have jurisdiction over bills pertaining to fishing, hunting, and the conservation of wildlife.

Miller was serving as Executive Officer of the California Division of Fish and Game when he was elected to Congress, a position he held for four years.

"The conservation and protection of our wildlife resources is of the utmost importance," said the California Congressman.

Camel, Cavalier, Winston Cigarettes Non-Union

R. J. Petree, general secretary-treasurer, AFL Tobacco Workers International Union, has written to the Central Labor Council reminding all unionists that the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company is still non-union, and that good labor people will not wish to smoke the Reynolds products.

The Reynolds Company produces the following cigarettes: Camel, Cavalier, Winston

FRANK RIVEST, a member of Bottlers 896, died in Oakland on May 18 at age 57 leaving 4 sisters, Mrs. Anita Crum, Mrs. Lillie Brock, Mrs. Julia McClellan and Mrs. Leona Tamray.

Stratham Chosen As County Manager

On July 1 Earl Ray Stratham will become Alameda County Administrator.

Stratham, now assistant administrator for Los Angeles county, receiving \$12,500 a year there. In his Alameda county post he will receive \$16,200.

Stratham takes the position left vacant six months ago, when Edwin S. Howell resigned to become city manager of Richmond. Roland Mayne, assistant to the administrator, has been holding the position in the interval.

The Board of Supervisors in announcing Stratham's appointment said that he was chosen from a list of 6 presented by the State Personnel Board after it had screened 122 applicants.

Rilea Had to Wait For Trib to See What He'd Been Saying: Observer

The election went according to plan. The plan that usually prevails in a one newspaper town.

Howard Rilea is back on the city council for another four years.

Rilea of course had to wait for the first edition of the one and only before he knew what he had been talking about. But his greatest fizzle happened when a motion picture news cameraman phoned him for an appointment and Rilea said he would have to consult the Oakland Tribune to find out if it was all right.

The Press Gang are still rocking over that one.

That FEPC Bill Odious to Members Of the Great Emancipator's Party

East Bay Labor Journal can report some additional details about the passage by the Assembly of Assemblyman Byron Rumford's FEPC bill last week, and the sending of it to the Senate.

The bill, prohibiting job discrimination on the basis of race, creed, or color, and providing for setting up of a Fair Employment Practices Commission, is based on legislation now in effect in New York, Oregon, and Washington.

Several Republican Assemblymen spoke strongly against the measure. Assemblyman John L. E. Collier, Republican, Los Angeles, said that the bill was unnecessary, and aroused some comment by stating that he didn't "mind" sitting down to dinner with Rumford and August F. Hawkins, the two Negro members of the Assembly.

Assemblyman Herbert R. Klocksiem, Republican, Long Beach, said the bill was a "political measure put up here to cause trouble between various factions of our society."

Assemblyman James L. Holmes, Republican, Santa Barbara, said that people "can't be partially tolerant any more than they can be partially pregnant."

Some of his remarks were felt by supporters of the bill to hint that if the Assembly passed the bill it would be advocating interracial marriage.

Assemblyman A. I. Stewart, Republican, Pasadena, called the bill "an attempt to satisfy a few agitators who are never satisfied."

Two Republican Assemblymen, Jack Beaver of Redlands and Alan Pattee of Salinas, spoke for the bill.

Pattee said he had been opposed to trying to "legislate tolerance" for a long time and had believed that the situation could be solved through educational methods.

"But I have concluded the

minority races have waited long enough, since the Civil War and the Fourteenth Amendment, in fact, for this tolerance to be a reality. I do not believe we can face the rest of the world and say we are a democracy until we become one," he stated.

Beaver described the bill as an answer to the problem of "constantly increasing discrimination on the West Coast." Those who oppose such legislation, he added, do so because they want to uphold the status quo.

"Democracy is built on progress, not on observation of the status quo," Beaver stated.

Various Democrats spoke for the bill. One, Gordon A. Fleury, Sacramento, jumped up from his seat at one point and said:

"I was going to vote against this bill, but after hearing the arguments of its opponents, I have decided that a good vote is a YES vote."

One Democrat, Sheridan N. Hegland, La Mesa, voted against the bill.

S. F. Warehousemen 12 Opens New Blood Bank

Teamster Warehouse Local 12 of San Francisco has instituted a new union blood bank program for the benefit of its members and their dependents. Union members will be required to donate at least one pint of blood to the bank each year in order to be covered for any amount of blood he or his family may need during the same year.

ROBLEY D. WHITWORTH, a member of Boilermakers 39, passed away in San Leandro on May 4 at age 70 leaving his widow, Marie; daughters, Maude Owings and Maybell Gates; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter.



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